Fire Safety Code Board
Of Appeal and Review
Hearing Minutes January 10, 2012

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Dias, Pearson, Walker, Jasparro, Jackson, Sylvester, Blackburn, Burlingame and Richard. Vice Chairperson Filippi was absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Deputy Director Carol Marsella.

APPEAL #090173: Lacroix Properties, for the property located at 485 Narragansett Park Drive, Pawtucket. ADSFM Steven Parent appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days in which to submit plans to the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office for the upgrade of the fire alarm system in this facility, and an additional 150 days in which to implement that plan. The Applicant is directed to have his sprinkler coverage checked for placement of sprinkler heads in certain areas. The Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office is authorized to extend either or both of the above timelines for good faith efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Blackburn.

APPEAL #110234: Mr. Harold S. Russo, Jr., for the property located at 103 Putnam Avenue, Johnston. ADSFM Richard Matarese appeared for the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days in which to submit plans to the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office for the correction of deficiencies 1 and 4 of the September 24, 2011 inspection report, and an additional 150 days in which to implement that plan. The Johnston Fire Marshal's Office is granted the authority to extend either or both of the above deadlines for good faith efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #110243: Brother Thomas Gerrow, for the property located at 612 Academy Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant's request to utilize the 2012 edition of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code in lieu of the presently referenced 2003 edition when reviewing the plans for the construction of bleachers and grandstands serving the football field of this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100097: Mr. William W. Jonah, for the property located at 114 Calverly Street, Providence. ADSFM Joseph Michalczyk appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner

Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days in which to submit plans to the Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the correction of any outstanding deficiencies noted on the April 5, 2010 inspection report. The Applicant is further granted an additional 150 days in which to implement that plan. The Providence Fire Marshal's Office is authorized to extend either or both of the above deadlines for good faith efforts being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #110235: Mr. Edward Flanagan, for the property located at 200 Centerville Road in Warwick. ADSFM Peter Marietti appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant the Applicant time to correct the outstanding deficiencies in this facility, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #110237: Mr. Daniel Nichols, for the property located at 25 East Bowery Street in Newport. ADSFM Robert Dufault appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow for the existing condition. The Applicant is directed to correct any outstanding deficiencies at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #110240, 110241: Ms. Karen Day, for the properties located at 580 Thames Street in Newport (Buildings A and B). ADSFM Robert Dufault appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance in order to correct the outstanding deficiencies in this facility. The Newport Fire Marshal's Office is authorized to extend this time variance for good faith efforts being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100072B: Chief of Inspections Jonathan DePault, for the property located at 2808 Tower Hill Road in South Kingstown. ADSFM Christopher Hiener appeared for the Union Fire District Fire Marshal's Office and Chief of Inspections Scott Caron and DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant variances on items that were deemed a structural hardship to correct, and a deadline of July 1, 2012 in which to have all other outstanding deficiencies in this facility corrected, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State and Union Fire District Fire Marshals offices. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Burlingame.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Marsella